

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 05, 2021  
**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW40  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives Armstrong, Andrus  
**GUESTS:** Daniel Potter - Self, Joe Evans - Self  
**Rep. Palmer** called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.  
**S 1178:** **Rep. Crane** presented **S 1178**. Beginning in 2021, this legislation will provide revenue to the Idaho Racing Commission. The funds are sufficient and necessary to allow the Commission to provide its regulatory function over Idaho horse racing.  
**Rep. Crane** stated the financial allocation proposed in this legislation provides the commission with 10% of the advance deposit wagering fees for pari-mutuel betting. He reminded the committee about the shortfall in administrative funding reported during the Administrative Fee Rules hearing for the Idaho State Police - Horse Racing Commission.  
In response to questions, **Rep. Crane** stated \$8 million was generated through pari-mutuel betting in 2019. In 2020, during the pandemic, the intake rose to \$20 million. He clarified no general funds will be used to fund the commission.  
**Ardie Noyes**, Director of the Idaho Horse Racing Commission, testified **in support** of **S 1178**. She said the proposed allocation will address the commission's funding shortfall. The funds will be received at the end of each month.  
In response to questions, **Ms. Noyes** confirmed the money will keep the commission functioning well into the future and will be used for horse hair testing and other costs associated with horse racing in Idaho.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **S 1178** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Crane** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Representative Palmer  
Chair

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Kelly Staskey  
Secretary